

*AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS*

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A slide spool valve comprising:

a valve body having a bore penetrated by a plurality of ports, spaced at predetermined intervals, including a supply port, two load ports located on opposite sides of the supply port, and two exhaust ports located on opposite sides of the load ports, and tapered valve chambers at each end of the bore which are penetrated by a respective exhaust port, the tapered valve chambers each having a smallest diameter which is larger than a diameter of the bore and an outer end diameter which is larger than the smallest diameter;

~~at least one an insert, each insert~~ including a hollow portion inserted in and attached to the bore, and ~~facing a valve chamber which extends from an inner circumferential surface of the hollow portion to at least one~~ the supply port and is connected to the supply port of the plurality of ports penetrating the hollow portion; and

a valve spool, movably inserted in the bore and the hollow portion of the insert ~~attached to the bore~~, and selectively connecting and disconnecting the plurality of ports according to operation of the slide spool valve.

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) The slide spool valve of claim ~~2~~ 1, further comprising stepped corners at interfaces between an inner circumferential surface of the bore of the valve body and the taper valve chambers, the stepped corners having rounded surfaces.

4. (Previously Presented) The slide spool valve of claim 1, further comprising stepped corners at interfaces between an inner circumferential surface of the hollow portion and the valve chamber of the insert, the stepped corners having rounded surfaces.

5. (Currently Amended) The slide spool valve of claim 1, further comprising roughened portions ~~in~~ on at least a part of an outer surface of the insert, the roughened portions reinforcing coupling of the insert to the valve body.

6 (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) The slide spool valve of claim 1 wherein the insert ~~comprises~~ includes a film having a processed surface, the film reinforcing coupling of the insert to the valve body.

8. (Currently Amended) The slide spool valve of claim 7, ~~wherein the insert is comprising~~ comprising an aluminum die-casting cast insert, ~~and wherein~~ and wherein the film is an anodized surface of the die cast aluminum insert ~~insert-die-casting~~.

9. (Currently Amended) The slide spool valve of claim 5 wherein the insert ~~comprises~~ includes a film having a processed surface, the film reinforcing coupling of the insert to the valve body.

10. (Currently Amended) The slide spool valve of claim 9, ~~wherein the insert is comprising~~ comprising an aluminum die-casting cast insert, ~~and wherein~~ and wherein the film is an anodized surface of the die cast aluminum insert ~~insert-die-casting~~.